

DAILY PLANET

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Wednesday, December 2

1998

Endeavour to launch Thursday

Marshall-developed super lightweight tank will help to lighten load

Payload: First U.S. International Space Station element, Unity, built by The Boeing Company at Marshall

Endeavour

Flight: STS-88

Orbiter: Endeavour (OV-105)

Launch Pad: 39-A

Launch: Thursday, Dec. 3 at 2:59 a.m. CST with a 5-10 minute window

Landing: Monday, Dec. 14 at 9:23 p.m. CST

Duration: 11 days, 18 hours

Crew members:

Robert Cabana, Mission Commander
Frederick Sturckow, Pilot
Nancy Currie, Mission Specialist
Jerry Ross, Mission Specialist
James Newman, Ph.D, Mission Specialist
Sergei Krikalev, Mission Specialist

Highlights: The seven-day mission will be highlighted by the mating of the U.S.-built Node 1 station element to the Functional Energy Block which is already in orbit, and two spacewalks to connect power and data transmission cables between the Node and the Functional Energy Block. The day following the spacewalks, Endeavour will undock from the two components, completing the first Space Station assembly mission.



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from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**